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CIVIL AIR PATROL, OHIO WING ENCAMPMENT  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY  
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Dear parent,

It is my privilege and honor to write this letter to you as Cadet Group Commander for the Ohio Wing Encampment 2005. I assumed the role of top cadet for this year's Encampment in late 2004 and soon the effort that I and many other cadet and senior members of Civil Air Patrol have put forth will culminate in a week-long training event for your son or daughter. It is with a resounding sense of confidence that I address you. The staff who will work with your son or daughter from the 18th through the 25th of June are some of the most professional, dedicated, and hard-working young men and women that I have ever had the opportunity to work with.

I attended my first Basic Encampment in 1998 at Rickenbacker ANGB in Columbus, Ohio, two years after joining the Cadet Program. The experience changed me and shaped me as a young man. Upon returning from my week of training, my confidence level increased. My abilities to manage my time had improved. My desire to be physically active was increased. But most importantly, a fire had been lit inside of me – a fire which has led me to continue on in Civil Air Patrol and benefit tremendously from the program.

The fire lit in me was such that, now seven years later, I will stand before your son or daughter and strive to light the same fire in them. The motto which my staff has adapted for their use is "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." Uttered by Franklin D. Roosevelt, this quote encompasses my goals for your son or daughter. I hope that Encampment can be the same life-altering experience for them that it was for me, and most importantly, I hope that I can light the fire in each of them to stay with Civil Air Patrol, to continue in the program, and to get the very most out of it that they can.

I realize that for many youth, Basic Encampment is their first time away from home. Our experienced staff of senior members, cadet officers, and cadet non-commissioned officers have been thoroughly briefed and undergone a full weekend of staff-related training. Some of our staff, like our Training Officer, have been to over 20 encampments. You can rest assured that your son or daughter is in good hands with our staff.

Basic cadets are required to report for in-processing between 0800 and 1130 hours on 18 June 2005 to Wright State University. A location will be posted on the Encampment website for parents to reference. Basic cadets are released from Encampment after the sign-out process is completed. Sign-out will begin at 1330 on 25 June 2005. For parents wishing to attend the graduation ceremony and the final pass in review, these will begin at 1100. Information regarding graduation and the end of Encampment will be posted to the Encampment website (<http://ohwg.cap.gov/encampment.htm>) so please be sure to check back during the course of the week.

In conclusion, let me take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting me with your most precious possession: your child. It is my unparalleled privilege and honor to take the field as the commander of this group of talented young men and women, and I am looking forward to Encampment. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, I can be reached by cell phone at 440-821-1576 or by email at [Thomas.Rehman@gmail.com](mailto:Thomas.Rehman@gmail.com).

Most sincerely,

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